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WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATOR SELECTED AS NEW MONTANA TECH CHANCELLOR

MISSOULA --

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs at West Virginia University Institute of Technology was named the new chancellor of Montana Tech of The University of Montana, UM President George Dennison announced Tuesday morning.

William Franklin "Frank" Gilmore, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will become Montana Tech's 10th leader since the institution opened its doors Sept. 18, 1900. He replaces Lindsay Norman, whose contract was not renewed last fall by the state Board of Regents. Norman was chancellor at Tech for 13 years.

Gilmore, who signed a contract Monday night, begins his new assignment July 1.

He was among four finalists chosen from an application pool of 27 by a search committee to participate in campus and community interviews last month. The visits included one-on-one sessions with Dennison, chief executive officer of UM's four campuses.

"Frank Gilmore is the right person at the right time," Dennison said. "He has a wealth of experience that prepares him well for this position, and we're all very pleased to have him come to Montana Tech."

Dennison said Gilmore's hiring is subject to approval by the state Board of Regents, which will consider the contract at its March 26-27 meeting in Havre.

Interviews lasted four days and included several open forums and receptions, which afforded the

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public an opportunity to meet each candidate and discuss their views on higher education.

Joseph Figueria, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at Montana Tech and search committee chair, said, "The search committee is very pleased that Frank Gilmore has accepted our offer of employment. The search committee, faculty, staff and students look forward to he and his wife, Ann, coming to the Montana Tech campus."

Gilmore received his doctorate in organic chemistry from MIT. He holds an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the Virginia Military Institute. Gilmore has also studied at the National Institutes of Health Graduate School; the Institute of Molecular Biophysics at Florida State University; the University of Missouri at Kansas City; and the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

Before joining West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Gilmore served as department chair of medicinal chemistry at the University of Mississippi, where he spent 21 years and served stints as chair of two other academic departments.

According to Gilmore, his career objective is "to lead an academic institution into the 21st century as a center of excellence in higher education. The strengths I can bring to Montana Tech are my leadership, decisiveness, integrity, team building and knowledge of higher education."

The three other finalists for the position were Philip D. Rabinowitz, head of the departments of geology and geophysics at Texas A&M University in College Station; Lee W. Saperstein, dean of the school of mines and metallurgy at the University of Missouri-Rolla; and Gary Thomas, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, N.J.

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